

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

MDTE No. 1018C
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VOLUNTARY CURTAILMENT RATE

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AVAILABILITY: The Company shall act as agent for NEPOOL or ISO-New England.

This rate is available to customers taking service under Large Primary Service Time-of-Use Schedule T-2, or a special contract for non-interruptible service or succeeding rates. Furthermore, the customer must already have a Company meter installed which is capable of retaining hourly demand data. No interruptible demand or curtailable load that is covered by a contract under any other interruptible rate is eligible for this rate. The customer must contract to make available 250 kW or more of specified Interruptible Demand upon request of the Company during times of capacity deficiencies. The Company shall not be required to contract with a customer for a level of Interruptible Demand greater than the Company reasonably believes the customer is capable of interrupting.

DEFINITIONS:

Anticipated Amount of Interruptible Demand

The kW Demand as specified in the contract which the customer expects to interrupt upon request of the Company.

Interruptible Demand

The amount of demand which the customer interrupts on a voluntary basis upon request of the Company and as determined by the Company.

Interruption Period

Any period of continuous interruption during which the customer is requested by the Company to interrupt demand as defined herein is referred to as an Interruption Period.

Average Daily Interruptible Demand

The average Interruptible Demand for each day in which at least one Interruption Period occurs.

DEMAND INTERRUPTION: The customer shall make all reasonable efforts to comply with the Company's request to reduce load by the Anticipated Amount of Interruptible Demand specified in the contract with the Company. The Company is the sole judge of the need for load interruption and amount of Interruptible Demand interrupted by the customer. When the Company is able to give advance notice of a request for load interruption, the customer shall interrupt at the time specified in such a notice. The customer will make every reasonable effort not to increase its demand until notified by the Company that the demand may be increased.

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Except as stated in (a) and (b) below, the integrated hourly demand in the hour immediately preceding the time specified by the Company for interruption will be used as the basis for establishing the existing demand level. The difference between that level and the average hourly demand during the Interruption Period is the Interruptible Demand.

- (a) It is recognized that where the Company has established an Interruption Period and the customer as a result refrains from reaching its normal load level, the customer will not have attained full load by the time the interruption is called for. When this happens, the Company will attempt to adjust the demand level used as a basis for calculating the Interruptible Demand. The method of such an adjustment will be determined by the Company and will recognize the customer's loads on previous similar day types.
- (b) If, after an initial reduction which satisfies this rate, the customer's load increases prior to the end of the Interruption Period, the customer may establish to the satisfaction of the Company the amount of Interruptible Demand actually provided during each hour of the Interruption Period.

INTERRUPTION PERIODS: The need for interruption of load under this rate shall be communicated directly to the customer by the Company and the customer's obligation to interrupt under this rate shall commence at the time specified in the notification. The Company will confirm the end of each Interruption Period to the customer.

INTERRUPTION CREDIT:

- (1) A daily interruption credit shall be determined by multiplying each Average Daily Interruptible Demand which equals or exceeds 250 kW by the prevailing NEPOOL payment per kW for daily average load relief. For billing purposes the customer's interruption credit shall equal the sum of all daily interruption credits determined within a calendar month. No credit will be given if there are no interruption periods in a given month.
- (2) A demand interruption credit will be issued to the customer or applied to the customer's account within 60 days following the end of a calendar month. No credit will be applied if the average Interruptible Demand determined in (1) is less than 250 kW.

FAILURE TO INTERRUPT: There will be no penalty for failure to provide any or all of the Anticipated Amount of Interruptible Demand specified in the contract.

CONTRACT: A contract is required to receive credit under this rate. The contract shall specify the customer's account number, the Anticipated Amount of Interruptible Demand, and any special conditions associated with the facilities providing the service.

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Use of and credits for Interruptible Demand under this rate shall begin as of the date the Department of Public Utilities approves this rate or the date a customer signs the contract, whichever is later.

TERMS FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 1998 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

For the period June 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998 only, the terms of this tariff shall be modified as follows:

AVAILABILITY: The minimum contract subscription level is 100 kW rather than 250 kW.

INTERRUPTION CREDIT:

In part (1), the daily interruption credit is to be determined by multiplying each Average Daily Interruptible Demand which equals or exceeds 100 kW by \$6.00 per kW for daily average load relief, rather than by multiplying each Average Daily Interruptible Demand which equals or exceeds 250 kW by the prevailing NEPOOL payment per kW for daily average load relief. In addition, a further credit is available and shall be computed as follows: (1) in the event the Company requests no interruption during the June 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998 period, the subscribing customer will receive \$6.00 per kW times the load the customer has contracted to interrupt; or (2) in the event the Company does request an interruption or interruptions during the June 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998 period, the subscribing customer will receive \$6.00 per kW times the smallest level of Average Daily Interruptible Demand actually experienced by the customer. The above interruption credit is available to those customers taking generation service on tariffs M.D.T.E. No. 1025B or M.D.T.E. 1026B, and the further credit set forth in (1) and (2) in this paragraph is subject to a pro-rata adjustment in the event a customer subscribes for less than the entire June 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998 period.

In part (2), no credit is applied if the average interruptible Demand determined in (1) is less than 100 kW, rather than 250 kW.

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